

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

DA 95-761

In the Matter of

Review of the Commission's Regulations Governing Television Broadcasting)	MM Docket No. 91-221
)	
Television Satellite Stations)	MM Docket No. 87-8
Review of Policies and Rules)	
)	
Policies and Rules Regarding Minority and Female Ownership of Mass Media Facilities)	MM Docket Nos. 94-149 and 91-140
)	
Review of the Commission's Regulations Governing Attribution of Broadcast Interests)	MM Docket No. 94-150
)	
Review of the Commission's Regulations and Policies Affecting Investment in the Broadcast Industry)	MM Docket No. 92-51
)	
Reexamination of the Commission's Cross-Interest Policy)	MM Docket No. 87-154

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR FILING COMMENTS AND REPLY COMMENTS

Adopted: April 7, 1995;

Released: April 7, 1995

By the Chief, Mass Media Bureau:

1. On December 15, 1994, the Commission adopted three related rulemaking items. First, the Commission adopted a Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making regarding ownership of television stations. Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in MM Docket Nos. 91-221 and 87-8, FCC 94-322 (Jan. 17, 1995) (TV Ownership Further Notice). Second, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rule Making seeking comment on initiatives designed to increase minority and female ownership of the mass media. Notice of

Proposed Rule Making in MM Docket Nos. 94-149 and 91-140, FCC 94-323 (Jan. 12, 1995) (Minority/Female Ownership Notice). Third, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rule Making exploring modification of the Commission's rules regarding attribution of ownership interests. Notice of Proposed Rule Making in MM Docket Nos. 94-150, 92-51 and 87-154, FCC 94-324 (Jan. 12, 1995) (Attribution Notice). Comments in all three proceedings are currently due on April 17, 1995, and reply comments are due on May 17, 1995.

2. The Commission has received a separate request for extension of the comment periods in each of the three proceedings, as well as a fourth filing encompassing all the proceedings. On March 16, 1995, LIN Television Corporation, on behalf of several licensees, filed a request for a 60-day extension of time to respond to the TV Ownership Further Notice. On March 23, 1995, Communications Corporation of America, Pappas Stations Partnership and Fant Broadcasting Company of Nebraska, Inc., filed a joint motion for a 60-day extension of time to file comments in response to the Attribution Notice. A March 31, 1995, filing by American Women in Radio and Television (AWRT) seeks a 90-day extension of the comment dates for the Minority/Female Ownership Notice. The Minority Media and Telecommunications Council (MMTC) on April 3, 1995, filed a motion for a 90-day extension in all three proceedings. Petitioners primarily contend that additional time is necessary to satisfactorily complete the economic and statistical analyses sought by the Commission.

3. As set forth in Section 1.46 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.46, it is our policy that extensions of time for filing comments in rulemaking proceedings shall not be routinely granted. We note that in all three proceedings, the Commission established a longer-than-usual initial comment period to provide interested parties sufficient opportunity to collect and analyze the type of data sought. Taking into consideration the circumstances outlined by petitioners, however, we believe that a 30-day extension of time to file comments and reply comments is warranted and should facilitate the development of a full and complete record on the issues raised in the three proceedings.

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the Request for Extension of Time in MM Docket Nos. 91-221 and 87-8 filed by LIN Television Corporation; the Motion for Extension of Time in MM Docket Nos. 94-150, 92-51 and 87-154 filed by Communications Corporation of America, Pappas Stations Partnership and Fant Broadcasting Company of Nebraska, Inc.; the Request for Extension of Time filed by American Women in Radio and Television in MM Docket Nos. 94-149 and 91-140; and the Motion for Extension of Time filed by the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council in all three of the above-referenced proceedings ARE GRANTED to the extent detailed above and are otherwise DENIED.

6. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time for filing comments in the three above-captioned proceedings IS EXTENDED to May 17, 1995, and the time for filing reply comments IS EXTENDED to June 19, 1995.

7. This action is taken pursuant to authority found in Sections 4(i) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i) and 303(r), and Sections 0.204(b), 0.283 and 1.45 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.204(b), 0.283 and 1.45.

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